

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-56 are pending in the application, with 1, 4, 13, 19, 26, 36, 45, and 49 being the independent claims. Based on the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Supplemental Reissue Oath/Declaration

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the pending claims as being based upon a defective reissue oath. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 35 C.F.R. § 1.175 would overcome the rejection. Filed herewith is a supplemental oath/declaration that includes the example language suggested by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 53

Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention a typographical error introduced into claim 53 in the amendment and reply filed on June 13, 2002. Claim 53 should read "The compliant foil radial bearing of claim 49 wherein said bearing is hydrostatic." In the amendment and reply filed on June 13, 2002, the number "49" was inadvertently omitted from claim 53.

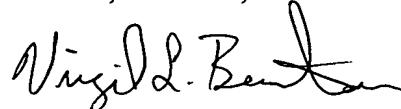
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.



Virgil L. Beaston
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 47,415

Date: 4/16/03

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600